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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to work toward an international ban on land
2 mines.

3 Whereas, there are over 119,000,000 land mines scattered in 70 nations of the
4 world, and this number increases dramatically every year, the result of which is the
5 injury or death of 2,000 people a month; and

6 Whereas, these weapons continue to harm civilians and to prevent homes, land
7 and communities from being free of danger and destruction and make it impossible
8 for sustainable life to be resumed when war has ended; and

9 Whereas, numerous U.S. military leaders confirm that land mines pose a threat
10 to U.S. troops abroad and confirm that anti-personnel land mines no longer are
11 necessary weapons of war; and

12 Whereas, the United States declared a moratorium until 1999 on the export of
13 anti-personnel land mines and in 1996 called, by means of President Clinton's
14 address to the United Nations, for a universal ban on the transfer and use of
15 anti-personnel land mines and for the protection of civilians by removing the land
16 mines already laid in the ground; and

